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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN UN

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1. EMBOFFS RAISED KOREAN QUESTION WITH MINISTER OF STATE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, GREENWOOD SILWIZYA, OCTOBER 3, AS PROPOSED REF B PARA 3, AND DISCUSSED TALKING POINTS LISTED REF A. ALTHOUGH GRZ IS CO-SPONSOR OF NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, SILWIZYA PERSONALLY STRESSED THAT ONLY PART OF THAT RESOLUTION TO WHICH GRZ IS COMMITTED IS GOAL OF REUNIFICATION. HOW TO REACH THIS GOAL IS UP TO THOSE AT UN WHO ARE LEGITIMATELY INVOLVED, INCLUDING ROK, BUT NOT NECESSARILY GRZ, WHICH WOULD BE INTERFERING IN KOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IF IT UNDULY TOOK SIDES. SILWIZYA SAID GRZ'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION WAS NOT INTZFNDDED TO IMPOSE KOREAN SETTLEMENT IN WHICH ROK DID NOT PARTICIPATE. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NORTH KOREA (PLUS CHINA AND INDIA) WITH UNIP SECGEN ZULU (TO STUDY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT), REUNIFICATION QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED WITH DPRK FOR HOUR AND HALF, YET IT NOT BEEN POSSIBLE PERSUADE DPRK IT MADE NO SENSE SEEK KOREAN SETTLEMENT WITH ROK INVOLVEMENT. SILWIZYA SAID GRZ SHARES DPRK'S OBJECTIVE OF REUNIFICATION BUT DIFFERS IN APPROACH AND MECHANICS TO ACHIEVE IT.

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DESPITE OUR ARGUMENTS, SILWEZYA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT U.S.

TROOPS STATIONED IN KOREA WERE IMPEDING REUNIFICATION.

2. SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO PRESERVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND REDUCE TENSIONS BETWEEN BOTH KOREAS, AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY OF LARGER CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE MORE FUNDAMENTAL ARRANGEMENT, WERE DISCUSSED ALONG LINES PARA 2B REF. B, AND COPY OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON KOREA AT UNGA WERE LEFT WITH SILWIZYA. HE REACTED VERY FAVORABLY TO PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: SILIZYA DISPLAYED REFRESHINGLY OPEN AND FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD KOREAN QUESTION, INDICATING THERE IS POSSIBILITY GRZ COULD PLAY SOME KIND OF MODERATING ROLE IN UNGA DEBATE ON KOREA, IF ASSIDUOUSLY CULTIVATED. HOW MUCH OF SILWIZYA'S ATTITUDE WILL BE REFLECTED TO ZAMBIAN DELEGATION AT UNGA AND BY FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA NEEDS TO BE TESTED AS SILWIZYA ADMITTED HE "WAS NOT SURE" OF GRZ'S POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CONTACT BANDA.

4. IF GRZ POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION ACTUALLY AS POTENTIALLY FLEXIBLE AS SILWIZYA INDICATED, CURRENT CONSULTATIONS ON FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA (STATE 236682) MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOUNDING OUT BANDA AND SEEKING PERSUADE HIM DESIRABILITY OF DROPPING CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND CONSIDERING FAVORABLE ZAMBIAN VOTE FOR OUR RESOLUTION WITH FRENCH AMENDMENTS. IF, AS WE SUSPECT HE MIGHT, BANDA BALKS AT SUPPORTING RESOLUTION WHICH FAILS LABEL PRESENCE US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA A THREAT TO PEACE AND CALL FOR THEIR REMOVAL, EFFORT MIGHT THEN BE EXERTED IN DIRECTION OF ENCOURAGING ZAMBIAN ABSTENTION RATHER THAN NEGATIVE VOTE.
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